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FISHING INDUSTRY"

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SCIATT MET WITH DRS. DELLBOVI (DIRECTOR GENERAL) AND COLOCETTA
BARODO (STAFF MEMBER) OF MARITIME FISHING. THE HIGHLIGHTS OF
THE MEETING WERE:

1. ITALY IS TRYING TO INCREASE FISH CONSUMPTION TO LOWER
THE TRADE DEFICIT IN IMPORTED MEAT.
2. ITALY IS TRYING TO INCREASE AND MODERNIZE ITS FISHING FLEET
TO FURTHER REDUCE THE RATIO OF FISH IMPORTS TO FISH CAUGHT BY
ITALIAN SHIPS FROM ITS CURRENT 1:1.
3. THE INDUSTRY IS CLEARLY SEPARATED INTO TWO ACTIVITIES;
LONG DISTANCE WHICH INCLUDES THE U.S., CANADA, ETC. AND LOCAL
WHICH IS CONFINED TO ITS COASTS.
4. THE NUMBER OF LONG DISTANCE BOATS IS 60; NONE HAVE IN-
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TEGRAL FISH-PROCESSING FACILITIES.

5. THE FISHING INDUSTRY IS NOT GOVERNMENT SUBSIDIZED.

6. IN 1973 THE PRODUCTION OF FISH FROM ITALY SHIPPING AMOUNTED TO 260,000 TONS. THE IMPORTS AMOUNTED TO 230,000 TONS.

DR. DELLI BOVI EMPHASIZED THAT THE DATA ON THE TONNAGE PRODUCED BY ITALY SHIPPING IS NOT EXTREMELY ACCURATE BECAUSE OF SUBSTANTIAL AMOUNT DIRECT DEALINGS BETWEEN SHIPS AND RESTAURANTS, HOSPITALS AND MARKETS, ETC. SINCE, AS POINTED OUT ABOVE, THE FISHING INDUSTRY IS PRIVATE HE HAS VERY LITTLE HOPE THAT ACCURACY OF THE DATA WILL IMPROVE. VOLPE

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